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sity of securing adequate pasturage for a number of families. The historical problem involved he finds was "first of all—what is the village community, and secondly, why is it?" (p. 162). "It is the solution of this mystery that is here submitted to the reader." (p. 165).

Each of these is a thoughtful, well-written contribution and worthy of the author's position as Professor of Economic History in Columbia University. It is evident, however, that Dr. Simkhovitch did not himself read the final proofs of this book for among the several Greek quotations there is not a single one without at least one typographical error.

FLOYD KEELER.

Sainte Jeanne D'Arc. By Le Père L. H. Petitot, O.P. Paris, Gabriel Beauchesne, 1921. Pp. iv+504. Price 12 frs.

Here is another very good biography of the "Pucelle d'Orleans" and one that is sure to please readers interested in the career of this little Saint. The devotion to Saint Joan of Arc is a devotion that is to-day steadily on the increase and the different biographies which have so far appeared have all tended to make her better known and loved by the great crowds of clients that now throng to her shrine. The present work is the result of five years' earnest study of the archaeological and historical sources bearing upon the life, vocation, campaigns, trial, condemnation and rehabilitation of Orleans' cherished Saint and the author has succeeded in turning out a biography that is at once interesting and replete with historical information. If during the reading, no attention be paid to the many foot-notes, the book reads like a novel. It is rather tiresome however to be interrupting one's lecture at every step to decipher some fifteenth century French quotation bearing on the question, although for the thorough historian such citations as these are as the author rightly remarks, "la monnaie d'or de l'histoire."

Father Petitot tells us in his preface that when he began this book, he was unconscious of the fact that Monsignor Touchet, bishop of Orleans, was also preparing an extensive work on the same subject, and that therefore he was unable to consult it. This is, we think regrettable, for if any person is well informed to-day on the life and work of the "Pucelle d'Orleans," we think

this person is the present bishop of Orleans. However the book is not lacking in fine qualities both of style and diction that will readily recommend it to the most critical of readers.

A final remark we must make is this. The title of this new book reads "*Sainte Jeanne d' Arc*," and therefore one would naturally expect to find a chapter or a few pages at least devoted to the discussion of the latest event touching Joan of Arc: viz: her canonization. This is an event that has stirred the whole Catholic world and the fact that it came five hundred years after the death of Joan would naturally call for some explanation or short notice regarding it. The author has neglected to do this, and instead has dismissed the subject in one line in his Epilogue. The majority of his readers will be persons who had not the happy privilege of attending this magnificent ceremony, and only a select few are acquainted with the events that led up to it. This however is the crowning factor of Joan's whole life; the official recognition of her holiness deposed in a third and final trial—that of her canonization.

All lives of Saints end up in this fashion. Something is told of the favors received through their intercession and the reason that induced the Church to place them on her altars. No such explanation is to be found in the biography offered to the public by Father Petitot, and in this we think he has blundered.

S. RAEMERS.

Three Men of Judea. John, Jesus, and Paul. By Henry S. Stix. Chicago: The Open Court Publishing Co., Pp. 101.

This book would be ridiculous did it not deal with such serious subjects. As it is, it is pathetic. The author is quoted in the cover advertisement, as having written to the publishers: "It is not written for scholars, but for those honest and simple-minded folk who have never read their Bible." He is right. The least sign of scholarship or the most superficial acquaintance with the Bible disposes of its theories as the sun scatters the hoar-frost.

The whole theme is a rehash of the venomous rationalism of a quarter of a century ago, now thoroughly discredited even among unbelievers. The author accepts the myth of a Buddhistic